

REMARKS

Claims 8-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Abstract as being non-descriptive of the claimed invention. A replacement Abstract is submitted herewith to cure this deficiency.

Applicants request the Examiner to indicate approval of the Drawings, and acknowledge receipt of the foreign priority documents (filed July 30, 2003) in the next Office Action.

The Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 9-11 over prior art, but has indicated the allowability of claim 8. As a path of least resistance, Applicants herewith amend claim 8 to be in independent form, and cancel parent claim 7. Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance with claims 8-11.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Respectfully submitted,

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